

Northeast District Council

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER 3, 2013

1. The Washington State Health Insurance Exchange is Up and Running! Under the Affordable Care Act, Washington families are already benefiting from the law. Under the law:

- Sick kids and those with preexisting conditions cannot be denied health insurance.
- Young adults can stay on their parents' plan until the age of 26.
- Full coverage of FDA-approved birth control is covered at no cost to women.
- There are no out-of-pocket costs for preventative services.
- The lifetime limits on health care coverage have been eliminated.

The Exchange, called the Washington Healthplanfinder (www.wahealthplanfinder.org/) is an online marketplace for individuals, families, and small businesses in Washington to compare and enroll in health insurance coverage. Enrollment is underway and continues through March 31, 2014.

Healthplanfinder also has a toll-free Customer Support Center. Folks can get their questions answered about how it works, what types of health coverage will be offered, how to access financial help, and what you need to know about the enrollment process. Representatives will be on the line weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. by dialing 1-855-WAFINDER (1-855-923-4633) or by emailing customersupport@wahbexchange.org. Help will be available in up to 175 languages.

2. Free Pet Adoption Blitz: Seattle Humane Society is kicking off the fall season with a free adoption blitz this weekend, October 4-6. Adoption fees are waived on every dog, cat and critter beginning this Friday at 11 a.m. Want a head start? Bring your pre-adoption questionnaire ([cats](#), [dogs](#), [rabbits](#), or [small animals](#)) and line up early at the shelter at 13212 SE Eastgate Way in Bellevue! For more information, go to <http://www.seattlehumane.org>.
3. The 2013 updated Comp Plan is Now Available. Download the updated Comp Plan at www.seattle.gov/dpd/Planning/compplan. Free CD copies are available at the DPD Public Resource Center, 20th floor of Seattle Municipal Tower at 700 Fifth Avenue, 206-684-8467. This update includes all amendments adopted through April 2013. For more information, contact Kristian Kofoed at 206-233-7191 or Kristian.Kofoed@Seattle.Gov.
4. The OFF AVE Alley Party: Saturday, October 5, 3-6 p.m., Café Allegro, in the alley at 42nd and University. Live music, creative exhibits, alley walking tour, food and drink. The OFF AVE Alley Party is an event that kicks off an Alley Clean-up and Activation project created in partnership with the UDLP and The City of Seattle. The goal of the project is to clean up the alleyways in the U District and create a "European-style" network of pleasant and bustling alleys. For more info on the University District Livability Partnership and their other projects, go to <http://udistrictlivabilitypartnership.org/>.
5. NORTH AVE Mural Unveiling Party: Saturday, October 5, noon-2 p.m., NE 50th and University Way NE. Come check out the fabulous mural on the wall just south of the Jack in Box parking lot. A project of the University District Livability Partnership, managed by the Sanctuary Art Center. Mural Artist: Heidi Barnett Assistants: Morgan Cooke, Derick

Conway, Luke (Heidi's son) and friends and neighbors. Funding from the Department of Neighborhoods (Neighborhood Matching Fund).

6. Native Plant Border at Magnuson Community Garden Work Party: Saturday, October 5, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Magnuson Community Garden, east of The Brig, next to the Off Leash Dog area. Come help maintain our native plant borders. For more information, contact Tom Kelly at tpaulkelly@hotmail.com or Bonnie at bmiller@serv.net.
7. Hot Ideas to Cool Seattle: Monday, October 7, 5:30-8:00 p.m., Seattle City Hall, 600 4th Avenue. Light dinner will be served starting at 5:30. This is a FREE event but RSVPs requested at <http://coolhotseattle.bpt.me/>. There will be a presentation from 6-7 p.m. followed by an interactive workshop to spark ideas to reduce climate impacts. Hear about Al Gore's Climate Reality Project and learn about what Seattle can glean from their work from Sabrina Cowden, Program Director for the Climate Reality Project. The interactive workshop, entitled "Doing Our Part for Climate Action" will address how you can do your part. Break-out session will include active transportation and land use, building energy and waste, and food and community sustainability. For more information, contact Cathy Tuttle at cathy.tuttle@gmail.com, Heather Trim at heatrim@gmail.com or Jenny Heins at jenny@sustainableballard.org. To register for the event, go to <http://coolhotseattle.bpt.me/>.
8. Native Plant Nursery at Magnuson Community Garden Work Party: Monday, October 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Magnuson Community Garden. Help pot and tend tender new native plants in the nursery. For more information, contact Rick Thompson at g.garryana@gmail.com.
9. SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Program—Road Closures. Here's the current list of dates that westbound 520 will close from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.:
 - Tuesday, October 8-9
 - Thursday, October 10-11
 - Thursday, October 17-18

During the closures crews will use concrete delivery trucks and pumping equipment to build [West Connection Bridge](#) foundations on Lake Washington, just to the north of SR 520. Dates may change and contractor crews may request additional overnight closures of westbound SR 520 to complete the West Connection Bridge. The new [SR 520 Orange Page](#) (<http://sr520.publicinvolvement.net/>) is the best resource for the latest information about highway closures and nighttime work.
10. Park Board Meeting: Thursday, October 10, 6:30-9 p.m., Park Board Room, 100 Dexter Avenue North. The agenda includes a briefing on a soft drink tax, a panel presentation on park connections and transportation and a public hearing on bicycle use policy. The agenda and briefing papers on agenda topics are generally available on the Park Board web page at www.seattle.gov/parks/parkboard the Friday before the meeting. For more information, contact Rachel Acosta at 206-684-5066 or rachel.acosta@seattle.gov or go to www.seattle.gov/parks/parkboard/default.asp.
11. Magnuson Park Building 30 Open House Celebration: Friday, October 11, 5-7 p.m., Building 30, 6310 NE 74th Street. Seattle Parks and Recreation and Sand Point Arts and Cultural Exchange invite you this open house celebration. Explore the historic space. Observe live music and performances by local groups and enjoy light refreshments. Bring the family to discover Seattle's new home for arts and culture. For more information, contact Kerrie Stoops at Kerrie.Stoops@seattle.gov or 206-233-7929.

12. Annual Wild Mushroom Show – Puget Sound Mycological Society: Saturday, October 12, noon-7 p.m., Sunday, October 13, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., The Mountaineers Seattle Program Center, 7700 Sand Point Way NE. Wild mushrooms will be displayed and identified. Visitors welcome to bring in mushrooms for PSMS experts to identify. Exhibits will include feel and smell display and mushroom tastings. For more information, go to www.psms.org/show.php
13. 2nd Annual Revive Fundraiser for EarthCorps: Saturday, October 12, 6-11 p.m., Building 30, 5310 74th Street, Magnuson Park. \$65 per person. Single or group tickets available. Join in celebrating 20 years of local restoration and global leadership. Early bird arrival trivia and prizes, live music and dancing. Raw oyster bar provided by Taylor Shellfish. Delectable international bites from Cameron Catering. Specialty cocktail by Black Bottle. Petite live auction. Photobooth. Great beer, wine and signature cocktails. For more information, go to www.earthcorps.org/pages.php?articleId=859.
14. Got Your Ducks in a Row? October 12, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Seattle First Baptist Church, 1111 Harvard Avenue East. Back by popular demand, PEOPLE'S MEMORIAL is once again offering a free workshop on how to get your affairs in order for end-of-life. The best way to assure that your wishes will be honored is know your options, plan ahead and put the proper documentation in place. Experts on end-of-life planning will discuss your rights and options as well as provide resources and handouts to help you and your family be prepared for the inevitable. This is one of the best gifts you can give yourself and your survivors. To pre-register, email info@peoplesmemorial.org or call 206-325-0489.
15. Political Empowerment Workshop: Tuesdays, October 15, 22, and 29, 6:00-8:00 p.m., North Seattle Community College. Free to community members! Call 206-934-3705 to sign up. Well known former State Representative and activist Velma Veloria and educator/activist Alice Tang Coil have teamed up again to offer another informative, engaging and informative course on “political empowerment.” The interactive class sponsored by North Seattle Community College will demystify the political and policy making process, enabling participants to recognize their own leadership potential, gain confidence in their ability to participate in the public sectors, and advocate for change. The goal of the workshop is to inspire community members who choose to lead and work for positive change at local, state, and national levels.
16. 46th District Democrats Endorsement and General Meeting: Thursday, October 17, Olympic View Elementary School, 504 NE 95th Street, 7 p.m., meeting starts at 7:30. For agenda information and to confirm the meeting location go to <http://46dems.org>. For more information, contact Sabrina Hill, Chair, at chair@46dems.org or 206-855-5186 or David Miller, Elections Chair and 1st VP, at elections@46dems.org.
17. U District Farmers Market Re-locates: Beginning on Saturday, October 19, the U-District Farmers Market moves to its new home on University Way (The Ave) between NE 50th Street and NE 52nd Street. The U-District Farmers Market has been located on the south playfield of University Heights Center since 1993. Recent plans for a new city park at the site have made it necessary for the Farmers Market to re-locate so it can continue to support the over 100 small farms and artisan food businesses who sell on a weekly basis and to grow so that new farms and farmers can count on this excellent urban market for their future success. For information about the Farmers Market, go to www.seattlefarmersmarkets.org.
18. Magnuson Park North Forest Remnant Work Party: Saturday, October 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Meet at the North Forest Remnant, NE 65th Street and Sportsfield Drive. Look for the signs. Help with cleaning and planting. Enter Magnuson Park at the NE 65th Street entrance and

turn left at the bottom of the hill. For more information, contact Tom Kelly at tpaulkelly@hotmail.com or Bonnie Miller at 227-2612 or bmiller@serv.net

19. KCTS Channel 9 Mayoral Debate: Tuesday, October 22, 7 p.m. Watch Ed Murray and Mayor Mike McGinn articulate the kind of leadership they would provide. What should Seattle's Mayor do for safety, education, and transportation from 2014 to 2018 and beyond? Is your neighborhood better off than it was four years ago? The Mayor is the most important position we vote for because the Mayor impacts our streets, employs over 10,000 people, and spends \$1 billion of our tax dollars every year. Consider recording the debate and hosting your own Mayoral Debate viewing party. Ballots should arrive in the mail mid-October. .
20. Major construction begins at Maple Leaf Portal and Roosevelt Station sites: Starting this week, Sound Transit's excavation and tunneling contractor, JCM Northlink LLC, will begin work at the Maple Leaf Portal and Roosevelt Station sites. Check out the [Maple Leaf Portal construction alert](http://www.soundtransit.org/Projects-and-Plans/Northgate-Link-Extension/Construction-update---Northgate-Station---9302013) (<http://www.soundtransit.org/Projects-and-Plans/Northgate-Link-Extension/Construction-update---Northgate-Station---9302013>) to learn how work will affect First Ave. NE between NE 90th and NE 100th streets.

In Roosevelt, early work will include closing NE 66th and NE 67th streets to through traffic at the construction site and closing the sidewalk on the west side of 12th Avenue NE between NE 65th and N.E. 68th Streets. These closures will remain in effect for several years until about 2019. Roosevelt road, sidewalk, and parking closures expected as early as this week. Survey crews will also be working around the Roosevelt construction site soon. Work will begin at the U District Station site later this fall.

Construction update open houses:

- Roosevelt open house: Wednesday, October 23, 6-8 p.m., Presentation begins at 6:30 p.m., Roosevelt High School Commons, 1410 NE 66th Street
 - Maple Leaf Portal open house: Thursday, October 24, 6-8 p.m., Presentation begins at 6:30 p.m., Olympic View Elementary School, 504 NE 95th Street
21. City Budget Hearing: Thursday, October 24, 6:00 p.m. (5:30 p.m. sign up), Garfield High School Commons, 400 23rd Avenue. Send your budget priorities to council@seattle.gov. For information about the budget and the budget process, go to <http://www.seattle.gov/council/budget/default.htm>.
22. Eat, Drink and Build Elder-Friendly Neighborhoods: Dine out on Thursday, October 24 from 5 p.m. to close in northeast Seattle. Up to 10 percent of the proceeds will be donated to NEST. Participating restaurants include 50 North, Piatte Restaurante, Vios Café at Third Place Books and Wedgwood Broiler. For information about NEST, go to www.nestseattle.org.
23. Department of Neighborhoods 25th Anniversary Celebration: Friday, October 25, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Museum of History and Industry, 860 Terry Avenue N. Free. At 5:30 there will be a pre-reception with a no-host bar and the MOHAI exhibits are open to the public. At 6 p.m., light hors d'oeuvres will be served. Due to limited space, RSVP by Wednesday, October 16 at <http://celebrate25.brownpapertickets.com/>.
24. W Day: Celebrate the University of Washington's annual birthday on October 25. It's an opportunity for Huskies far and wide to show their purple pride. While the event started in 2011, it has already grown into a tradition that attracts thousands of people, including

students, alumni and community members. Businesses around Puget Sound are once again invited to join the celebration and show their support of the UW by offering special values to UW fans who patronize their business on W Day while wearing purple or officially licensed UW apparel.

25. North Precinct Police Station Open House: Saturday, October 26, 10 a.m.-noon, Bitter Lake Community Center gym, 13035 Linden Avenue N. The city will provide information on the site selection process, how the site meets SPD's operational needs, the development schedule and future opportunities for public comment. The city has identified property, located at the southeast corner of Aurora Avenue North and North 130th Street, as the recommended site for a new police station to serve the north precinct. After the open house, Council review and approval of legislation authorizing the property acquisition, including a public hearing, is expected in December 2013. The new station is expected to be approximately 60,000+ square feet with a useful life of 30 to 50 years and able to accommodate up to 370 officers and civilian staff, with on-site multistory parking for patrol cars, visitors and staff. It will also offer community meeting space and include public art. Visit the [New North Precinct Station project website](http://www.seattle.gov/northprecinctstation) (<http://www.seattle.gov/northprecinctstation>) for more information and to sign up for the project's listserv.
26. 25th Edition of the Earshot Jazz Festival: Continues now through November 17 with more than 60 distinctive concert events in venues all around the city, including Benaroya Hall, Tula's, Town Hall, Triple Door, and the Langston Arts Performing Center. Mark your calendars for your favorite jazz artists and take a chance on some new discoveries. This is the most expansive jazz festival Seattle has ever seen. For a listing of all of the concerts and ticket information, go to www.earshot.org or call 206-547-6763.
27. Rise up for Homeless Youth—A Luncheon to Benefit ROOTS Young Adult Shelter: Wednesday, November 6, registration at 11:30 a.m., lunch and program noon-1:30 p.m., Plymouth Congregational Church, 1217 6th Avenue. For more information, go to <http://www.rootsinfo.org/luncheon/> or email mea@rootsinfo.org.